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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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HOSPITAL PINS

DEAR EDITOR: Kindly give me some information through the JOURNAL. Can a hospital pin be changed when it had been adopted in the infancy of an institution which has now grown into a modern hospital with a training school? The pins are no longer appropriate. SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

WITH A NEWS ITEM

DEAR EDITOR: The JOURNAL is the nursing magazine that we will put in the hands of our pupils with the hope that it will mean as much to them as it does to us. A SUPERINTENDENT AND HER ASSISTANT.

CHIROPODY FOR NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: Among the suggestions in the JOURNAL for taking up other lines of work, I have never seen one on chiropody. I believe there is no other field where good honest work is more needed. Most chiropodists have no idea of cleanliness, and only work to relieve, never to cure. There are many who are unscrupulous, and their dirty work makes it hard for the others. Some nurses are taking up this work and I wish more would do so. After 26 years in the nursing world, I took my instruction in chiropody from a woman who had had some training as a nurse, and now I do my work with sterile dressings, preparing the feet first. People tell me they never have seen such clean chiropody, and strangers ask me whether I know a nurse who would take up the work in their locality. Many times the shoe causes all the trouble, and often the proper fitting of shoes with proper care of the feet will effect a cure. I have worked out my own remedies and methods of treatment, and have accomplished more than I had ever hoped to do. I also do manicuring in just as careful a manner.

I have a small apartment in a business building, which is my home as well. My instruction and equipment cost about \$200. I. T. S., class of 1883.

WITH A PICTURE

DEAR EDITOR: This photograph was taken of "Miss Hampton" the winter after her return from Rome. Her patient was a little girl of eight with double hip-joint disease. She is a woman of thirty-five now, practically well, being able to walk many miles without crutches. She owes her life to the firm belief in fresh air of Miss Hampton and Miss Louise Darche, who followed her, this picture being taken on the piazza, where nurse and patient spent twelve hours out of twenty-four.

To me it is a very lovely picture, of not only the young nurse, already planning her future life of usefulness, but of the loving large-hearted woman, showing her tender care of the little child, surrounding her with her pets